



Early Achievers Level 2 Re-Rating Policy

****For Licensed Child Care and Licensed/Blended Facilities with an approved Request for On-Site Evaluation by December 31, 2013***

Early Achievers Facilities that have an Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation approved by December 31, 2013, and receive a rated Level 2 will qualify for a partial re-rating in the facility's deficiency area(s) ERS and/or CLASS. The rated Level 2 re-rating is free of charge to the facility. Only facilities that rated a Level 2 are eligible for the free re-rating.

Facilities who meet the eligibility requirements for this policy may begin requesting a re-rating April 1, 2014, and will have one year from their Initial Rating date to be rated. Facilities must have their Regional Coordinator request their re-rating **four months** prior to their one year rating anniversary date to ensure there is adequate time for the University of Washington data collection team to complete an assessment(s) in the deficiency area and assign a rating.

Your local Child Care Aware agency can work with mapping out a time frame to be re-rated based on your initial rating date.

A facility may request a Level 2 re-rating as follows:

1. Your local Child Care Aware agency will provide coaching to help you prepare for your re-rating in your facility's deficiency area.
2. When you and your coach are feeling confident you are ready to re-rate, the Child Care Aware Regional Coordinator will request a re-rating on your behalf. Your facility will **not** have to complete a new application in MERIT to indicate you are ready for your re-rating.

A rated Level 2 re-rating is not a full re-rating. The partial re-rating will be conducted in the facility area(s) that did not meet minimum thresholds **only**: Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and/or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessments. No additional facility information will be considered beyond the information needed to address the minimum thresholds. New Professional Development or documentation to support the Quality Standards Checklist will not be a part of a Level 2 re-rating.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Will my facility be able to choose block out dates for re-rating?

Yes, a Community Liaison from the University of Washington will contact you by phone once the Regional Coordinator submits your request for re-rating.

After applying for a re-rating, will I be a part of a rating cohort?

No, only facilities applying for their initial rating and subsequent full ratings will select a rating cohort. Level 2 partial re-ratings and Level 3-4 paid re-ratings completed within the three year rating cycle will be on a rolling basis, and evaluation dates may not align with the cohort model. Initial Ratings will be prioritized before re-ratings.

Will my Level 2 rating be shared publically?

30 days after your rating is released to your facility, your participation status will be displayed in Child Care Check as "Participating in Quality Improvement." During the re-rating process your participation status will remain the same.

Will coaching services provided by Child Care Aware continue during the timeframe of the Regional Coordinator requesting a re-rating for my facility and when we receive our new rating?

Yes, your local Child Care Aware of Washington office will be available to support you during this timeframe.

How will my facility be notified when my new rating is finalized?

The Primary QRIS Contact at your facility will receive an email from the Department of Early Learning, letting you know your new rating is available to view through the Provider Portal.

Will I receive a Quality Improvement Award?

If you achieve a rated Level of 3, 4, or 5, you will receive the Quality Improvement Award 30 to 60 days from the release of your new rating. You will receive this annual award amount based on your re-rating release date.

How long will my new rating be valid?

Your 3 year cycle will still be based on your initial rating, not the re-rating. Re-rating will not start your 3 year clock over again.

If I want to appeal my initial Level 2 rating, can I still request a re-rating?

Facilities that choose to appeal their Early Achievers rating will not be eligible for the Level 2 re-rating process. Choosing to be re-rated is different from appealing an existing rating due to suspected errors or dispute in calculation. Please refer to the [Early Achievers Rating Appeal Form and FAQ](#) for more detail about the appeal process.

If I re-rate a Level 2 will my coaching services with Child Care Aware continue?

No, Child Care Aware only provides coaching while facilities are preparing for their re-rating, and thereafter upon achieving a Level 3, 4 or 5 rating. No further Coaching will continue if you re-rate a Level 2.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

You can contact the QRIS Inbox (gris@del.wa.gov), or your Child Care Aware Regional Coordinator.